



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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1. Public asked to attend meeting on improving McCloud Run, Iowa's only urban trout stream

**PUBLIC ASKED TO ATTEND MEETING ON IMPROVING
MCLOUD RUN, IOWA'S ONLY URBAN TROUT STREAM**

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CEDAR RAPIDS – Iowans interested in improving Iowa's only urban trout stream can attend a public meeting and review a DNR improvement plan for the stream.

The DNR has developed a water quality improvement plan for McCloud Run, a spring-fed stream located in the heart of Cedar Rapids. The stream has water conditions cold enough to support a trout population year-round. However, McCloud Run landed on the state's impaired waters list after a fish kill in August 2001. Heat shock caused the fish kill when a rapid rise in water temperature stressed the trout. The rise in temperature came from rain water that fell on hot roofs, parking lots and paved areas, and then ran into the stream.

The DNR will ask Iowans for their input on the improvement plan at the meeting, to be held May 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cedar Rapids Water Department. The meeting will take place in the water department's north conference room, located at 1111 Shaver Rd. NE.

"McCloud Run is a unique resource for the people of Cedar Rapids, and we need their help to make it a healthier stream," said Joe Herring, with the DNR's Watershed Improvement section. "The input of Cedar Rapids residents is very important to us, as they're the ones who know and use the stream."

Those not able to attend the public meeting can receive more information at www.iowadnr.gov/water/watershed/tmdl/ and submit comments on the plan (by May 21) via the following ways:

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The DNR's water quality improvement plan, also called by its technical name of Total Maximum Daily Load, outlines the problems and potential solutions to the problems in McCloud Run. After gathering Iowans' comments, the DNR will forward the final plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval. Local groups interested in helping McCloud Run can then use the plan to assist their improvement efforts.